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Applicant

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Title

Method of Producing an Oxidation-Protected Electrode for a

Capacitive Electrode Structure

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Attention

Office of Petitions

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(b)

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The facts leading to this petition are as follows:

Applicants received a *Notice of Abandonment* dated February 11, 2003, in the above-identified application. According to the notice, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, applicants had allegedly not responded to the Office action mailed March 29, 2002.

Applicants did indeed respond in the form of an amendment which was facsimile-transmitted to the Patent Office on July 1, 2002. The amendment bore a mailing certificate under 37 CFR 1.8, which was properly executed on that date.

Enclosed herewith, in accordance with Rule 8(b), is a copy of the previous mailing including the fax transmission report confirming that all pages sent were received in the Patent Office.

Applicants respectfully request that the *Notice of Abandonment* be rescinded and that the application be restored to pending status.

Respectfully submitted,

For Applicants

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